



14 November 1973

Dear Mr. Woodward:

Thank you for your letter of 7 November. It was very thoughtful of you to write, and I sincerely appreciate it.

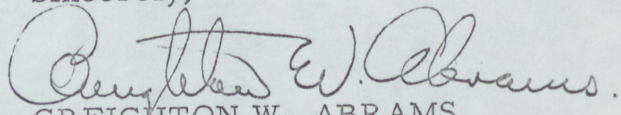
Throughout my long association with Woody, I never knew him to do anything other than a first-rate job. His Army career consisted of one tough assignment after another. Woody met every task head-on and accomplished each in an outstanding manner.

Those of us who knew him well respected him most for the personal qualities he exuded. He was tough yet fair, aggressive yet affable, and rough yet well liked. He was the type son that any father would have been proud of.

I feel a deep sense of personal loss and I know that the Army and our country have also suffered a great loss. I only hope that you will receive some solace in knowing that all who knew Woody share in your loss.

May God bless you always,

Sincerely,


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